

Spiritual Gleaning

While we were called to Claypool on a sad message yet we are very thankful all things in this life are not sad. We were glad to meet with the brethren and sisters once more, and then we had the pleasure to attend the Bible meeting and meet our esteemed brethren J. O. Talley, G. W. Rench, A. S. Menaugh and Wm. Miller, and then we enjoyed those Bible meetings, oh, so much. From there we went to our appointment over Sunday, at Tiosa, and was glad to get back to them. Had been absent from them for ten weeks. Our Brother Swager remembered us with a can of nice maple syrup and some sugar for the folks at home. He remembers the preacher every spring, so you see we have reason to call him our molasses man. The church is moving along nicely. Our S. S. C. E. is doing excellent work. We have a nice little class of brethren and sisters at Tiosa and we love to preach for them because they get along so nicely.

They will hold their spring communion on Monday evening, May 14. Divine services over Lord's day previous to communion. All our sister churches are cordially invited to be with us.

D. A. HOPKINS, Pastor.
Twelve Mile, Ind.

Bethesda, Ohio

After a three years' stay among our sister churches where we labored for the Lord the best we could, we returned to our own church where we found the love of God flowing freely, and every heart filled with gladness. Where the sun shines very brightly, and heaven is very near.

O God, we thank thee for a land and a home like this. For a people whose hearts are glowing with the love of God.

They are seeking the precious truths of the Bible, the richest fruits of heaven. Brother Grisso, an excellent earnest Christian man, is our pastor. Brother Rittenhouse who has ministered unto us for over thirty years, is our superintendent. We have many old heads in the church, whose heads and hearts preach each day ripening for that glorious and celestial city. With such help we are proud. And now may God—tho we have often failed to appreciate so great, o holy, so sanctifying favors—pour out his blessings upon us that we may each day live rejoicing, doing the blessed will of our heavenly Father.

ADAM EBERLY.

Union Salem, Ind.

We are getting along here very nicely with a membership of sixty. We closed a glorious revival in March, as has already been reported. Brother Keller, assisted by our regular pastor, held the meeting. Their work was highly appreciated by all. The meetings were largely attended and the very best attention was given. Many young people were brought into the fold, whose help we need so much, and many others were near the kingdom.

We held our love feast Monday evening,

April 9. Brother Keller was with us and gave a very instructive talk on the ordinances. The house was crowded, and forty around the tables. This was the last meeting with our pastor as he left Tuesday for new work in Pennsylvania. We regret his leaving very much as he had been with us for two years and a half. We pray God's blessings upon him in his new work and that his efforts be crowned with success.

We have not decided whom we will get to fill out the remaining time until October 1, but Brother Keller will preach for us April 15, morning and evening. He is a very able man, full of the Spirit, and I think a great work awaits him.

CORA BECKNELL.

North Manchester, Ind.

Our Sisters' Society met at the home of Sister Flora, in the capacity of our regular tea meeting. The program that was rendered, together with short talks from Brothers Flora and Summers, proved both interesting and instructive. The program was as follows:

Song by all.

Scripture reading by Sister Summers.

Roll call. Responses from Scripture containing love, faith and charity.

Song, Blanche Flora.

Song by three little girls, Misses Nellie and Gustava Johnson and Ruby Wright.

The accompany paper was selected and read by Mrs. B. R. Johnson.

Considering the inclemency of the weather the attendance was good; collection amounting to seventy cents. We adjourned to meet in two weeks at the home of Sister Wright.

NETTIE WRIGHT, Sec.

MRS. B. H. FLORA, Pres.

From Darwin, Ind.

The Brethren church at Darwin having by unanimous vote called the writer to preach for them until Oct. 1, 1900, we began our work there on April 7. We hope for good results to follow our work under God's blessing. My son, L. S. B. and wife have promised to assist us for a short time in May, in revival work.

Long experience in the ministry has taught us that constant application in the work aids much in doing it efficiently. Leadingly, for that reason, I would prefer another charge for one fourth time. Darwin now gets half my time, Edna Mills one fourth.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Roann, Ind.

Announcement

The Brethren will open their work in Goshen, Ind., on Saturday, April 28, in the hall occupied before. The ministers of Elkhart county, our state evangelist, L. W. Ditch, the Sec. of the Mission Board, W. H. Miller and others will be present. There will be an address at 2 P. M. on "The Mission of the Church." Let the Brethren and their friends of Elkhart county make this a great rally-day for our work in Goshen.

G. W. RENCH,
Pres. M. B.

Communion Notices

The New Enterprise, Ind., congregation will hold their communion service April 27, at 7 P. M., Friday evening. All that come will be made welcome.

The Brighton church will observe holy communion, Saturday evening, May 5, at 7 P. M. You are cordially invited to attend.

L. O. HUBBARD, Pastor.

Giving and Getting

Forward.

One of life's paradoxes is that he who gives gets. The way to success is by surrender. They who are most lavish of their own life are the ones into whose lap the world pours the richest treasures. Thousands of hearts are starving to-day simply because they are stingy. They have withheld themselves, and in the withholding have grown lean and poor. The fat and prosperous soul is the one which is liberal with itself, which offers itself as food and strength to every needy man and cause. There is no secret for greatness like the secret of giving—constant and unsparring giving of self's best.

Not they who seek to get—to gather themselves the world's best things, and thus find satisfaction—but they who bountifully offer themselves in sympathy and service to the world, learn life's deepest joy.

How shall young men and young women secure greatest success? Simply by offering themselves on the altar of the world's everyday needs. Largeness of life, fineness of character, honor of the honorable, love of all, will crowd toward the young person who unselfishly labors to serve men thru commonplace days and weary nights. In ways humble and high, by means insignificant and great, give up your best talents to all whom you can by any means help, and reward in time and eternity is certain.

Gold cannot be used for currency as long as it is mixed with the quartz and rock in which it lies imbedded. So your soul is useless to God till taken out from sin and earthliness and selfishness, in which it is buried.—Dr. A. J. Gordon.

Matrimonial

NEHER—SMITH.—At the home of the bride's parents near North Manchester, Ind., April 8, 1900, Albert E. Neher and Elvira A. Smith were joined in marriage by W. C. Perry.

FENIMORE—LEHMAN.—At the home of the writer Mr. Eber W. Fenimore and Miss Martha B. Lehman were united in marriage. Their many friends join in wishing them a long and happy life.

S. B. GRISSO.

DAVIS—EVANS.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. W. E. Davis and Miss Jessie Evans were united in marriage April 11, 1900, two miles east of Mulvane, Kans., by the writer.

L. G. WOOD.